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The Portland Harbor Superfund Site is the result of more than a century of industrial use along the Willamette River. Water and sediments along Portland Harbor are contaminated with many hazardous substances. Some of the compounds have been found to be harmful to human health and the environment. Because of the contamination, some types of fish found in Portland Harbor, such as bass, carp and catfish currently pose a health risk to those who eat them. EPA and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality are working with potentially responsible parties to clean up contaminated sediment and control sources of additional contamination.

UPDATE

EPA received the draft feasibility study from the Lower Willamette Group in March 2012. The study describes various options for cleaning up Portland Harbor. EPA recently completed a technical review of the study and submitted comments to the Lower Willamette Group. Our comments are available for review (see below).

After revisions have been completed, EPA will write a Proposed Plan. The Proposed Plan will summarize the cleanup options and propose a preferred plan for cleaning up contaminated sediment in Portland Harbor. We anticipate having the Proposed Plan available in 2014.

In addition to comments on draft documents, EPA answers to community questions on proposed disposal facilities are available.

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